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Specification Amendments

Please replace paragraph 0049 with the following rewritten paragraph:

0049 As shown in Figure 10, as the interlocking lid ~~lid~~ 42 is opened from the closed position to the open position, the beveled lid shoulder 56 gradually assumes a downwardly-sloped configuration from the front edge 48a to the rear edge 48b of the panel body 48 of the base lid panel 44. In the event that liquid 76 inadvertently falls onto the exterior surface of the base lid panel 44, particularly onto the exterior or upper surface of the panel extension 50, the beveled lid shoulder 56 defines a downwardly-sloped liquid runoff surface along which the liquid 76 flows from the base lid panel 44. The shoulder slope 58 provided in the beveled lid shoulder 56 further facilitates runoff of the liquid 76 from the base lid panel 44, as shown in Figure 9. Consequently, the liquid 76 is substantially incapable of flowing from the panel extension 50 and into the tank interior 40, between the base lid panel 44 and the cover lid panel 60, upon opening of the interlocking lid 42.